

## **THOMAS LEONARD PETERSON**

### **Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950**

Thomas Leonard Peterson, son of John and Rhoda Ashton Peterson was born in Lehi, Utah, March 20, 1881. When he was five years old, the family moved to a farm on the bench where he lived until the time of his marriage. Leonard received his education in the Lehi grade schools and in later years successfully completed several correspondence courses.

He married Lileth Gilchrist April 9, 1902, in the Salt Lake Temple. They were parents of six children: Arnold, Lileth, Janet, Lee, Phyllis and Edna.

Leonard was active in a civic capacity, having served in the Lehi City Council, on the school board of Alpine District, and on many civic committees. He was one of a committee of three who chose the site for the Memorial Building.

He served on two missions for the Latter-day Saint Church; one to the British Mission and one to the Texas-Louisiana Mission. Always an ardent church worker, he taught in all the auxiliary organizations, was president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the Lehi Fourth Ward; was a counselor to Bishop John Stoker of the same ward; and served as bishop from October 14, 1923, until October 2, 1926, when his occupation necessitated his moving to Spanish Fork. He was made a High Priest September 27, 1942.

He and his wife moved back to Lehi in October of 1940, where they have since resided.

Leonard was employed by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company for forty years, or until his retirement in 1946.